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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Remarks of William Miller, Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and Thomas Latimer, Staff Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, [REDACTED]

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1. On the assumption that Mr. Miller's and Mr. Latimer's informal remarks to [REDACTED] are of general interest as indications of the directions in which their respective Committees are going, I offer the following summary of their positions.

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2. Mr. Miller spoke first and stated:

a. That the period of intense distrust between the Congress and the intelligence agencies has largely passed. He stated that the SSCI has always considered itself a bipartisan Committee with Chairman Bayh and Vice Chairman Goldwater speaking as dual leadership even though there are only 38 Republicans in the Senate. He also stated that the Committee seeks a full representation of opinions, liberal to conservative, in its membership.

b. Mr. Miller traced the history of the Committee from its Church origins in the last Congress in order to lend substance to the assertion of oversight and to conclude that full and unlimited access to information by the SSCI from the Intelligence Community agencies is their absolute requirement. It is clear that Mr. Miller continues to reiterate this point because of the disagreement between Executive and Legislative Branches over Section 152(a) of Title I of the charters.

c. He granted that Intelligence Community agencies have taken unjustifiable knocks for past

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